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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO MINISTER OF HEALTH

SUMMARY: HEW SECRETARY MATHEWS INVITES SAUDI MINISTER OF HEALTH TO VISIT US WITH TWO OR THREE AIDES FOR TWO-WEEK TOUR AT MINISTER'S CONVENIENCE BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 20. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PAID FROM LONDON TO US AND RETURN. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS PROPOSED ITINERARY WITH MINISTER AND REPORT HIS COMMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. SEPTTEL TRANSMITS LETTER OF INVITATION TO SAUDI MINISTER OF HEALTH FROM HEW SECRETARY MATHEWS. HEW OFFICE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL HEALTH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAMMING

VISIT. CONTROL OFFICER IS ROBERT EVANS. HEW WILL PROVIDE CHIEF ESCORT, ASSISTED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE ESCORT FROM OFFICE OF LANGUAGE SERVICES. MINISTER AND PARTY WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT BY A SENIOR HEW OFFICIAL. WE BELIEVE WE CAN OFFER THE MINISTER A PROGRAM WHICH WILL ACQUAINT HIM WITH THE BEST THAT AMERICA HAS TO OFFER IN THE FIELD OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND MANUFACTURES.

2. FUNDING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: AID WILL COVER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, LONDON-WASHINGTON-LONDON AND DOMESTIC U.S. TRAVEL.

AID FUNDING AUTHORIZATION WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER MINISTER CONFIRMS DATE FOR VISIT. DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS WILL PROVIDE PER DIEM AT RATE OF DOLS 55 FOR MINISTER AND DOLS 45 FOR EACH AIDE AND LIMOUSINE SERVICE WHEN NECESSARY. SELECTED FIRMS IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES FIELD ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE HOSPITALITY TO MINISTER'S PARTY. WHEN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO MINISTER, EMBASSY SHOULD CAREFULLY EXPLAIN THAT USG RESOURCES FOR SUCH VISITS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED AND CAN ONLY COVER TRAVEL, LODGING, AND MODEST MEALS. EXPENDITURES BEYOND THIS (SUCH AS LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO GUESTS EN ROUTE) SHOULD COME FROM HIS OWN SOURCES. STATE DEPARTMENT ESCORT WILL HANDLE FUNDS WHERE HOSPITALITY IS PROVIDED BY USG; MINISTER WILL NOT NEED TO PAY HIS OWN BILLS. FUNDING LIMITATIONS NECESSITATE LIMITING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FUNDING TO LONDON-US-LONDON. ASSUME MINISTER'S PARTY CAN TRAVEL ON SAUDIA TO LONDON AT SAG EXPENSE.

3. PREFERABLE DATE FOR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14. ARRIVAL AT ANY TIME WHICH WOULD ALLOW COMPLETION OF PROGRAM PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IS ACCEPTABLE.

4. PROPOSED ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

DAY 1, SUNDAY, NOV. 14: ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C.

DAY 2, MONDAY, NOV. 15: WASHINGTON, D.C.
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MEETING WITH SECRETARY MATHEWS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH DR. THEODORE COOPER;

MEETING WITH AID DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF HEALTH (TO ACQUAINT MINISTER WITH AID ACTIVITIES ABROAD IN MEDICAL SERVICES FIELD);

LUNCH HOSTED BY SECRETARY MATHEWS;

AFTERNOON OPEN.

DAY 3, TUESDAY, NOV. 16: WASHINGTON, D.C.

VISIT TO THE NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE (ONE OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH; RESEARCH ORIENTED);

POSSIBLE MEETING AT THE INTERNATIONAL EYE FOUNDATION;

(FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT OFFICIALS OF THE IEF WILL BE MEETING WITH THE MINISTER IN SAUDI ARABIA ON OCTOBER 16, AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP THIS VISIT BY SEEING THE MINISTER IN WASHINGTON. REQUEST EMBASSY ASCERTAIN IF MINISTER IS INTERESTED IN SUCH A CALL)

REQUEST EMBASSY DETERMINE IF MINISTER IS INTERESTED IN SPENDING AN AFTERNOON VISITING TOURISTIC POINTS OF INTEREST IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA;

EVENING RECEPTION HOSTED BY DR. COOPER

DAY 4, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17: ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MORNING FLIGHT TO ATLANTA;

VISIT TO CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN US) THE MINISTER WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AND DISCUSS: A. IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM, B. TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM, C. V-D PROGRAM, D. BUREAU OF SPECIAL PROJECTS, E. BUREAU OF HEALTH EDUCATION, F. BUREAU OF EPIDEMIOLOGY
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DAY 5, THURSDAY, NOV. 18: ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEETING WITH PRIVATE MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT FIRMS. A. HEERY AND HEERY, 'OSPITAL ARCHITECTS (DESIGNERS OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR EMORY 'DIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE), B. CHARTER MEDICAL CORPORATION (OWNS AND MANAGES HOSPITALS IN ATLANTA AREA)

P.M. FLY TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DAY 6, FRIDAY, NOV. 19: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

MORNING: AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION (MEETING AT AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS FOR A REVIEW

OF PRIVATE HOSPITAL SYSTEMS AND TO VISIT HOSPITAL WITH
AHA OFFICIAL.);

AFTERNOON: AMERICAN HOSPITAL SUPPLY CORPORATION (MEET
WITH AHSC OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS HOSPITAL SUPPLY EQUIPMENT;
POSSIBLE VISITS TO MCGAW PARK DISTRIBUTION CENTER, A
COMPUTERIZED MEDICAL SUPPLY CENTER CAPABLE OF RAPIDLY
DISPATCHING MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO OUTLYING HOSPITALS, AND TO
MANUFACTURING FACILITIES FOR PHARMACEUTICALS, SURGICAL
EQUIPMENT, DENTAL EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER HEALTH CARE
PRODUCTS.)

DAY 7, SATURDAY, NOV. 20: FLY TO TUCSON, ARIZONA

DAY 8, SUNDAY, NOV. 21: TUCSON, ARIZONA

DAY OF REST;

DAY 9, MONDAY, NOV. 22: TUCSON, ARIZONA

VISIT INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITAL TO OBSERVE
TECHNIQUES FOR DELIVERING HEALTH SERVICE TO REMOTE AREAS
THROUGH USE OF PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL. (HEW CONSIDERS
THIS VISIT OF HIGH INTEREST AND RELEVANT TO SAUDI ARABIA'S
NEEDS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE SERVICES TO REMOTE,
SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS.)
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DAY 10, TUESDAY, NOV. 23: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

MORNING FLIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO; AFTERNOON OPEN

DAY 11, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24: SAN FRANCISCO

VISIT TO KAISER FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL (OAKLAND,
CALIFORNIA) TO DISCUSS HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. (FYI: KAISER OPERATES THE
LARGEST NON-GOVERNMENTAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY IN THE WORLD,
PROVIDING INTEGRATED IN-PATIENT, OUT-PATIENT CARE. THE
EMPHASIS IS ON PREVENTIVE CARE.)

DAY 12, THURSDAY, NOV. 25: (THANKSGIVING DAY): BOSTON,
MASSACHUSETTS

MORNING FLIGHT TO BOSTON

AFTERNOON: TRADITIONAL NEW ENGLAND THANKSGIVING DINNER

DAY 13, FRIDAY, NOV. 26: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

VISIT THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DAY 14, SATURDAY, NOV. 27: DEPART BOSTON FOR LONDON

5. ABOVE ITINERARY HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR PORTER. ONE ADVANTAGE OF ADHERING TO ABOVE TIMETABLE IS THAT IT WOULD ALLOW AMBASSADOR PORTER TO GREET THE MINISTER IN MASSACHUSETTS AND OVERSEE THANKSGIVING ARRANGEMENTS. AMBASSADOR IS UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO DELAY HIS RETURN TO SAUDI ARABIA BEYOND END OF NOVEMBER, HOWEVER.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY MEET WITH MINISTER AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND INVITATION AND DISCUSS PROPOSED ITINERARY. (FYI, OTHER ITINERARY OPTIONS AVAILABLE INCLUDE SUBSTITUTING VISITS TO EITHER NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF AMERICA) OR HOUSTON INSTEAD OF CHICAGO; OR ADDING A STOP IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, FOR VISIT TO MEDICAL CENTERS OF CREIGHTON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNIVERSITY OR UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, AND POSSIBLE CALLS ON CONSULTANTS IN MEDICAL DESIGN FIELD.) WE ARE PREPARED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE MINISTER'S INTERESTS AND TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM WHICH HE WILL FIND BOTH PLEASANT AND PROFESSIONALLY REWARDING.

7. IF OPPORTUNITY SHOULD ARISE, WILL MINISTER ADDRESS GROUPS CONCERNING SAUDI HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT PLANS, OR CONSENT TO BE INTERVIEWED BY PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS? ROBINSON

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